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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 07944.0005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Paul FAETH ) Group Art Unit: 3609  
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Application No.: 09/986,790 ) Examiner: Mohamed Hatem Ali  
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Filed: November 9, 2001 )  
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For: METHODS, APPARATUS, AND ) Confirmation No.: 5764  
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ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

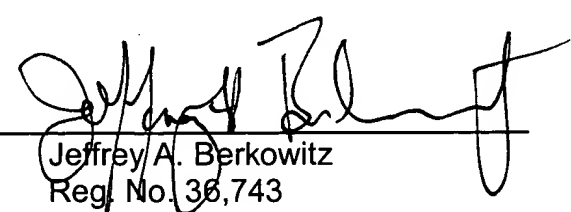
According to our records, the above-identified application was filed over five years ago and applicant has not yet received an Office Action.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 12, 2006

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